

## WILSON LETTER READ AT SULLIVAN HEARING

Banco Nacional Head Disputes  
Dominican Translation  
Praising W. W. Vick.

## MITCHELL MAKES CHARGES

Francis J. Mitchell, president of the Banco Nacional de Santo Domingo, characterized Walker W. Vick as "the grandest impostor in the world" in his testimony yesterday at Commissioner James D. Phelan's investigation into the fitness of Minister James Mark Sullivan, including the charge that Sullivan has been in conspiracy to exploit Santo Domingo.

In Mr. Mitchell's testimony, which was given against Mr. Vick than it was directly in favor of Minister Sullivan, he indirectly let slip into the record a letter from President Wilson to Mr. Vick when Vick was Receiver-General of Dominican customs. Mr. Mitchell introduced a Spanish translation of the Wilson letter which he said was a false translation. Two other witnesses swore that the translation, which had been circulated in Santo Domingo, was correct.

Under protest Mr. Vick produced the original of the following letter:

June 22, 1914.

My Dear Vick: I am glad to hear that you feel obliged to resign your post in Santo Domingo, in which you have been doing such admirable work and where it made me feel so comfortable that you should be put in charge of your health or Mrs. Vick's suffering. I will take the matter under consideration and do whatever you want.

May I not take this occasion to express to you my sincere admiration for the way in which you have administered a very difficult task. Cordially and sincerely yours,

WOODROW WILSON.

## Alleges Unfair Treatment.

W. W. Russell, who preceded Mr. Sullivan as Minister, asked to have Mr. Sullivan interrogated further as to his conduct on Friday that Minister Russell had been dishonest.

"You don't want to brand Minister Russell as a dishonest man," asked Charles H. Strong, Senator-elect Phelan's counsel.

"Not in the full sense of the word," said Mr. Mitchell. "He has treated the Banco Nacional unfairly in a good many ways."

Mr. Mitchell said he based this statement on the fact that a \$1,500,000 loan had gone to the National City Bank of New York although the Banco Nacional made a better bid.

Minister Russell for this. That loan is invalid today, he said, because Congress never ratified it.

It is good banking business in Santo Domingo, Mr. Mitchell said, to loan money without security. Mr. Strong replied that the names of several Dominican officials, and Mr. Mitchell acknowledged that he had loaned money to several of them from \$10,000 to \$100,000 each without security. He denied that these loans were made to get favors for the bank.

Mr. Mitchell said he had been indignant at the way the National City Bank got the \$1,500,000 loan and that he had not hesitated to say that as a result of this "there would be a general house cleaning that might even reach to Washington."

"I believed Wilson would clean up down here," said Mr. Mitchell, "and he has done it through Sullivan."

As regards the \$1,000,000 draft on New York that the Banco Nacional did not honor on its presentation, Mr. Mitchell alleged that this draft had been rushed to New York before they could get the money there as part of a scheme to "put the bank in a hole."

## Defends Bank Solvency.

"There is a lot of stuff being lugged in here for effect as to the solvency of the Banco Nacional," Mr. Mitchell charged. "Unexplained it makes a beautiful case to be put out and exploited, but it is capable of minute explanation. I can explain it all. I can relate everything, or name somebody who can, and with a different class of witnesses from some of those who have been put on here to make the case."

Mr. Strong brought out that Mr. Mitchell had prepared himself to testify by reading the record in the investigation and that he had consulted with William C. Beer and John G. Gray, Mr. Bryan's close friends.

Two contractors appeared yesterday to challenge the good faith of Mr. Davis of 28 Church street, who testified last week that William C. Beer had said that Secretary Bryan, Gov. Glynn and Congressman Hamilton were "to have a share" in the Dominican contracts. Joseph E. Mulholland of 220 West Forty-second street said Davis told him that he had tried to sell second hand machinery to the Dominican Government as new machinery.

"He told me," said Mr. Mulholland, "that he and his clique had pooled \$5,000 for Beer, of which he had put up \$1,000. Nothing came of the contract and he said he was sore. He said: 'If it ever leads to an investigation I will get square with Secretary Bryan down.' He mentioned Glynn, Hamilton and Bryan."

Peter D. Reilly of 240 West Forty-second street corroborated Mr. Mulholland's testimony.

"Celtic Tact," Says Mr. White.

"John Campbell White, son of Henry White, former Ambassador to France, made a good witness for Minister Sullivan. Mr. White is Secretary of the Legation in Santo Domingo and is a native of the United States. Judged by American diplomatic standards, Mr. Sullivan is far from a strong character and the people down there cannot put anything over on him. I think he is honest. He has a genial nature and a Celtic tact."

Mr. White brought out that C. A. Butler, director-general of telegraphs, telegraph cable and wireless, was removed under a charge that he sent a message to a British warship. Mr. Butler later testified that this was done "behind his back."

The hearing will go on at the Waldorf Astoria hotel at 2:15 P. M.

## SHIPPING RATES GO HIGHER

10 Per Cent. Increase on Grain to Liverpool Registered.

Shipping rates to Europe are steadily climbing to new high marks. A 10 per cent. increase in grain rates to Liverpool during the last week has been recorded and other rates are moving accordingly. The rate on grain to Liverpool is now 11d. 4d. compared with approximately 27d. in former times.

Rate to London for grain, which was 10d. 4d. the first of this month because of a shortage of ships, has been taken, were reported last week at the record high price of 12d. 4d. in the first part of the month. To Marseilles the rate on grain was lifted from 9d. 4d. to 11d. during the week.

The grain rates to Rotterdam are 36c. compared with 30c. a month ago. Prospects to Copenhagen are falling at 14d. against one-fifth of this price in a day. Times, the rate having jumped during the week from 10d.

General cargo rates to Rotterdam are 4s. 6d. from \$12.50 in the week and to Rotterdam from 20 to 30 cents.

## HERE'S A REAL POEM, SAYS BREAD LINE POET; \$100 CHECK MAKES HIM FORGET HIS RHYMES

*New York, January 25, 1915.*

*Second National Bank*

*Pay to the order of The New York Sun*

*One hundred \$100 & 00/100 Dollars*

*J. E. McLaughlin*

Tom Merry squeezed his way into THE SUN's free bread depot yesterday afternoon like a burst of sunshine trying to brighten the mist of the street and the hunger on the faces of the hundreds waiting for the bread line to open. Tom Merry came into the little shop at 9 First street with a cheery greeting for his companion, Dick Bright, and with a poem he had composed over night trembling on his lips.

"But he never recited it—at least he did not recite his character yesterday, for at that moment a messenger arrived full of news. The news contained the contributions received for the bread fund and it drove all other thoughts out of Tom Merry's head.

"Look here, Dick," he said, calling to his fellow bread distributor, Bright. "See what the mail man brought! \$100.50! And here is one man—his name is J. E. McLaughlin, writes on Rita-Carlson stationery—and he sends us a check for \$100."

Did you hear me, Dick? One hundred dollars!"

"That's fine," replied Dick, catching the infection of happiness at once. "Can't you recite one of your poems on the strength of that?"

"I should say not! This check is poetry itself—the most beautiful poem I ever read. It was written for the poor and hungry, it was dedicated to the men and women out of a job this winter and it's the best reading I know for those who need bread and can't buy it themselves. For it will buy 5,000 loaves for our line. This check is such a masterpiece that I'm going to get it framed. Yes, sir! As a work of art."

And Tom Merry sent the check to this newspaper office to have a frame made for it posthaste.

There, as it was 2 o'clock in the afternoon, Merry and Bright threw open the doors of the bread depot. In the long line of men and women who poured into the place there were 2,400, again breaking all previous records for the bread line.

## U. S. PROTESTS LAND SEIZURE IN MEXICO

Bryan Objects to Carranza's Decree Forfeiting Titles Since 1876 to Peons.

MEXICO CITY UNPROTECTED

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—Protest against the decree issued by Carranza nullifying land titles in Mexico of more recent date than 1876 was made by State Department representatives at Vera Cruz, according to instructions issued today by Secretary Bryan.

The full text of Carranza's decree was received at the State Department today and it was considered that its terms warranted a protest by this Government. Carranza claims that the necessities of the people require that the lands of Mexico be restored to them and he proposes to effect this redistribution by having nullified many titles now in existence on the ground that they were issued in contravention of a law of 1856.

According to State Department advisers from Mexico City all the Villa forces have left the capital for the north and the offices of the National Railways have been moved north also. The city has been left with very little rolling stock available and practically without any fuel for locomotives. Train service has been suspended.

**OBREGON NEAR GOAL.**

Wires to Consul Here From Within Forty Miles of Mexico City.

Francisco Elias, Carranza's Consul-General in New York, received the following message yesterday from Gen. Obregon, who is in charge of the Constitutional forces in southern Mexico. The message was wired as a result of a plan which was made by Obregon with Elias that he would capture Mexico City within thirty days. The bet was made on January 10, 1915.

SAN LORENZO, P. D. of Mexico.

Have just won a complete victory over the Villa-Zapata forces at San Lorenzo. Our forces are on the outskirts of Mexico City and are within thirty miles of the city. Our forces are strong enough to take the city any time we care to do so. Deny all rumors which assert that I have united with Gutierrez against the First Chief, Carranza. They are the fabrications of the Villa agents. Will win the bet within less than thirty days.

GEN. ALVARO OBREGON.

San Lorenzo is about forty miles from Mexico City and is three miles from Toluca, an important railroad center.

**CARRANZA ENVOY QUILTS.**

Mexico Is Left Without a Legation in London.

LONDON, Jan. 25.—Miguel Covarrubias, who resigned the post of Mexican Minister to Russia because he was out of sympathy with Huerta and was appointed confidential agent here to the Mexican Constitutionalists last March, has come to the conclusion that Gen. Carranza, who named him to his London position, does not represent genuine constitutional government.

Senior Covarrubias has found that he is unable to support Gen. Carranza's policy and has therefore informed Great Britain that he has severed his connections with the Carranza faction and has ended his residence in London.

Covarrubias cannot support any of the present faction in Mexico and there is no Mexican Legation here now.

**STILL ANOTHER FACTION.**

Gen. Gutierrez, Blanco and Benavides Plan New Government.

EL PASO, Jan. 25.—Gen. Eulalio Gutierrez, recently deposed President of Mexico, with less than 200 men, is a fugitive in his native State of San Luis Potosi, according to Villa officials. When he left the capital he was nominally in command of the brigade of Gen. Benavides and Blanco, together with smaller factions, totalling more than 15,000 men.

The statements that Gutierrez and his generals are without men are not borne out by despatches from San Luis Potosi at the time he deserted Villa and had received large supplies of arms and ammunition prior to the flight of Gutierrez, according to Capt. de Bequer, formerly of the Brigada Zapatera.

"I was in the hospital at San Luis Potosi at the time of the desertion," said Capt. de Bequer.

"Gutierrez, Benavides and Blanco will not join with any faction, but are determined to set up a government of their own. Desertions are large. There will probably be plenty of fighting."

Customs Receipts \$395,336.

The total receipts at the Customs House for duties yesterday were \$395,336.20, of which \$111,066.14 was for merchandise withdrawn from bonded warehouses and \$284,270.06 for recent importations.

## STRIKE INQUIRY IS BEFORE LEGISLATURE

Two Resolutions Provide for Investigation of Roosevelt Shooting.

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

THOMPSON HOLDING OUT FOR \$34,000,000

Failed Uniontown Banker Says He Will Not Cut Price More on Coal Acreage.

MORE RECEIVERS NAMED

UNIONTOWN, Pa., Jan. 25.—Reaffirming his ability to rehabilitate his fortunes J. W. Thompson, the Uniontown banker, talked freely today of the immense coal land deal which he has had under way with Pittsburgh and New York interests for the last several days.

"I own the coal and they will have to come to me for it," he said. "Any report which says that the deal has been closed is untrue. It has not been closed."

Mr. Thompson's declaration is taken to mean that he and his 324 associates in the big deal have named their lowest figure for their 50,000 acres of Greene county coal. Mr. Thompson, who has directed all negotiations, first made a proposition of \$40,000,000 and then cut his price to \$34,000,000. This is the figure he says the prospective purchasers will have to meet to obtain title to the coal lands.

Another cut of Mr. Thompson's financial troubles was heard in Judge Van Swearingen's court this morning, when Senator William E. Crow and T. Blair Palmer were appointed receivers for the Palmer-Semans Lumber Company, with liabilities of \$525,000 and liabilities of \$189,000.

Umbel appointed Attorney W. C. McKean and Daniel Sturgeon today as receivers for William M. Thompson, brother of Joseph W. Thompson. His liabilities are \$1,250,000 and his assets \$1,155,000.

Judge Umbel appointed a receiver also for Jasper Augustine, who holds much of Mr. Thompson's property. His liabilities are \$1,155,000 and his assets \$102,000.

**NEW RECORD FOR WHEAT.**

Prices Reach the Highest at Chicago Since Letter Corner.

CHICAGO, Jan. 25.—With the beginning of the Government's suit against the Chicago Board of Trade to determine whether a closing price is "fixed" daily, wheat prices in the pit shot up today to the highest point they have reached since the European war began—the highest price since the Letter corner of several years ago.

Cash wheat went up 2 1/2 cents over Saturday's closing prices, when No. 2 red sold at \$1.46 1/2 and No. 2 hard winter brought \$1.46 1/2. At the close \$1.46 1/2 was bid for both grades, as the exporters were competing sharply and the offerings were limited.

Prices were advanced 1/2 cent at the start over the basis of palling at the close of Saturday. May wheat also touched a new high mark, when it sold for \$1.46 1/2 and closed at \$1.45 1/2, an advance of 1 1/2 cents over Saturday's close.

**NOMINATED BY THE PRESIDENT.**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—The President sent to the Senate today the nomination of Robert Emmet Jeffrey of Newport, Ark., to be Minister to Uruguay. He also nominated a large number of postmasters, including the following:

New York—James R. Mayne at Beaverton; James R. Mayne at Canaseraga; New Jersey—Richard J. Fox, Grantwood; Louis J. Langham, Hammonton; Charles C. Stewart, Maye Landing; Isaac Klein, Salem.

Rhode Island—Francis Fagan, Pawtucket; J. Elmer Thewlis, Waltham; Connecticut—Edward M. O'Brien, Waterbury.

**NEWARK SELLS \$1,000,000 BONDS.**

NEWARK, N. J., Jan. 25.—Two New York banking firms loaned the city of Newark \$1,000,000 today on temporary loan bonds at a rate of a little more than 3 per cent. Solomon H. & Hutzler of New York took \$500,000 at 3.21 and Goldman, Sachs & Co. of New York took the same amount at 3.22.

**WITTEL GRANDE SOURCE**

ALTHOUGH the Wittel Springs are situated but a few miles distant from the firing line of the battlefields in the Vosges Mountains, shipments of this famous water have suffered but little interruption. Imports are now being received as under normal conditions and the public is advised that the same prices are in effect as before the war.

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## EFFICIENCY BOARD IS KILLED BY ASSEMBLY

Bill Will Be Introduced to Reorganize Fully the Board of Claims.

## TO ABOLISH FIRE MARSHAL

ALBANY, Jan. 25.—Bills abolishing the State Department of Efficiency and Economy and the State Fire Marshal were passed by the Assembly to-night by party votes. The vote on the former was 96 to 26, a party vote.

Minority Leader Hinman of the Assembly announced that a bill by Assemblyman Knight of Wyoming reorganizing the State Board of Claims to give the Governor the appointment of three judges of a court of claims and two additional judges to serve until 1918 had been made a special order for second and third reading to-morrow, which means that it will be passed and sent to the Senate without delay.

Under the Knight bill the judges are to serve for terms of nine years at \$8,000 a year, but it is pointed out that they will be worth that much to the State if they clip the \$12,000,000 in claims down to the \$10,000,000 which will be available from the proposed new bond issue of \$27,000,000 for the large canal.

Democratic Leader Smith strenuously opposed the abolition of the two State departments, which were created by the Democrats, although he said he realized the futility of talking, as the Republicans had the votes.

The bill abolishing the Fire Marshal was passed, 93 to 38. Both votes were strictly party votes. The Progressive vote, Assemblyman Hamilton, Fish, Jr., of Putnam, introduced a resolution providing for an investigation by a legislative committee into the unemployment of labor, the reasons for the present condition of the labor market and legislation to relieve the situation. It was referred to the Ways and Means Committee.

**BOOKKEEPER AND MONEY GONE.**

Intercepted Messenger and Took \$2,500 and Checks for \$5,000.

A general alarm has been sent out by the police for Samuel Levy, assistant bookkeeper of E. R. Smith & Sons, manufacturing chemists at 80 Beekman street, who is charged with having disappeared yesterday afternoon with a payroll of \$2,500. Burns detectives are looking for him.

The payroll of \$2,500 and also \$5,000 in checks were being carried by a messenger from the office to the Brooklyn laboratories of the firm when Levy came up to him at the Fulton street ferry and told him the manager wanted him back in the office and wanted Levy to carry the payroll the rest of the way. The messenger gave Levy the bag containing the money and checks and turned back. A guard who always followed along on the Monday afternoon trips with the payroll, said that he saw Levy take the bag and stepped into a doorway to avoid being seen by the messenger also turned back.

Levy is 21 years old and lived at 7 Bristol street, Brooklyn.

**MRS. GEO. PRIMROSE DIVORCED.**

She Charged the Blackface Minister With Desertion.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 25.—Mrs. Esther Primrose, wife of George Primrose, the minister, got an unconditional divorce today from Judge Gaters.

Mrs. and Mr. Primrose were married in 1904. They have no children.

Mrs. Primrose charged desertion.

**Old Man Let Out of Prison.**

ALBANY, Jan. 25.—Gov. Whitman issued a commutation today under which Mordecai Rosenberg, now confined in Auburn prison for grand larceny committed in New York city, may be freed at once.

Rosenberg is an old man and clemency in his case was asked by Judge Rosinsky some time ago. The Governor, then District Attorney, concurred in the petition.

Rosenberg was sentenced to serve five years in 1911. He would have been freed in May, his original sentence having been shortened for good behavior.

**PARDON IS NOT IMMUNITY.**

Supreme Court Upholds Newspaper Men Who Declined to Answer.

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**TERMINAL LAND FIGHT UP.**

Arguments Heard in Brooklyn Concern Action for \$2,000,000.

ALBANY, Jan. 25.—New moves in the fight for \$2,000,000 additional in the award made by the State for the Gowanus Terminal lands in Brooklyn were made before the State Board of Claims today.

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Deputy Attorney-General Sanford W. Smith appeared for the State and opposed the application. Decision was reserved to permit the filing of briefs.

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## PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD DUFFY MAY SUCCEED INQUIRY ON SATURDAY CARLISLE NEXT WEEK

Committee Unable to Get Rooms Before Then—Will Last Three Weeks. State Highway Commissioner Expected to Resign Without Being Asked.

ALBANY, Jan. 25.—The legislative committee which will investigate the Public Service Commission will hold its first public meeting for the taking of testimony at 10 A. M. Saturday in the Aldermanic Chamber. The committee held a meeting to-night.

Counsel Hayward left for New York and Chairman Thompson will follow to-morrow. An executive meeting of the committee will be held Friday afternoon at the Baltimore Hotel.

The committee had arranged to hold its first public meeting on Wednesday morning, but was obliged to postpone it until Saturday when word reached here that the Aldermanic Chamber and the Board of Estimate room were otherwise engaged for Thursday and Friday.

Senator Thompson expects that testimony will be taken each day for a period of five hours and that the investigation will continue for at least three weeks.

**McCALL OFFERS AID.**

Investigators Ask for Reports and Other Data.

State Senator Mills and Counsel Hayward of the legislative committee that is to investigate the Public Service Commission called on Chairman McCall at the commission's offices yesterday. They told him they would send agents to get reports, minutes, blue prints and other data.

Judge McCall said in reply that the commission would cooperate with the committee and that any desired documents or information would be cheerfully supplied.

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